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## FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Saturday, March 04, 2017  
Issued: 0800 CT

***Day 1 Weather Impacts: Elevated to critical fire weather threat over the TX/OK Panhandles into W&N OK and E&S NM***

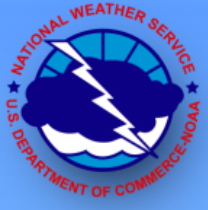
***Day 1 Weather Impacts: Isolated heavy rain/flash flooding S TX/TX Gulf Coast.***

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# Key Points

## Today - Sunday

- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions return across the TX/OK Panhandles, E&S NM, and N&W OK
- Areas of heavy rainfall possible over Deep South Texas and the adjacent Gulf Coast region starting around midday and continuing into Sunday

## Monday - Tuesday

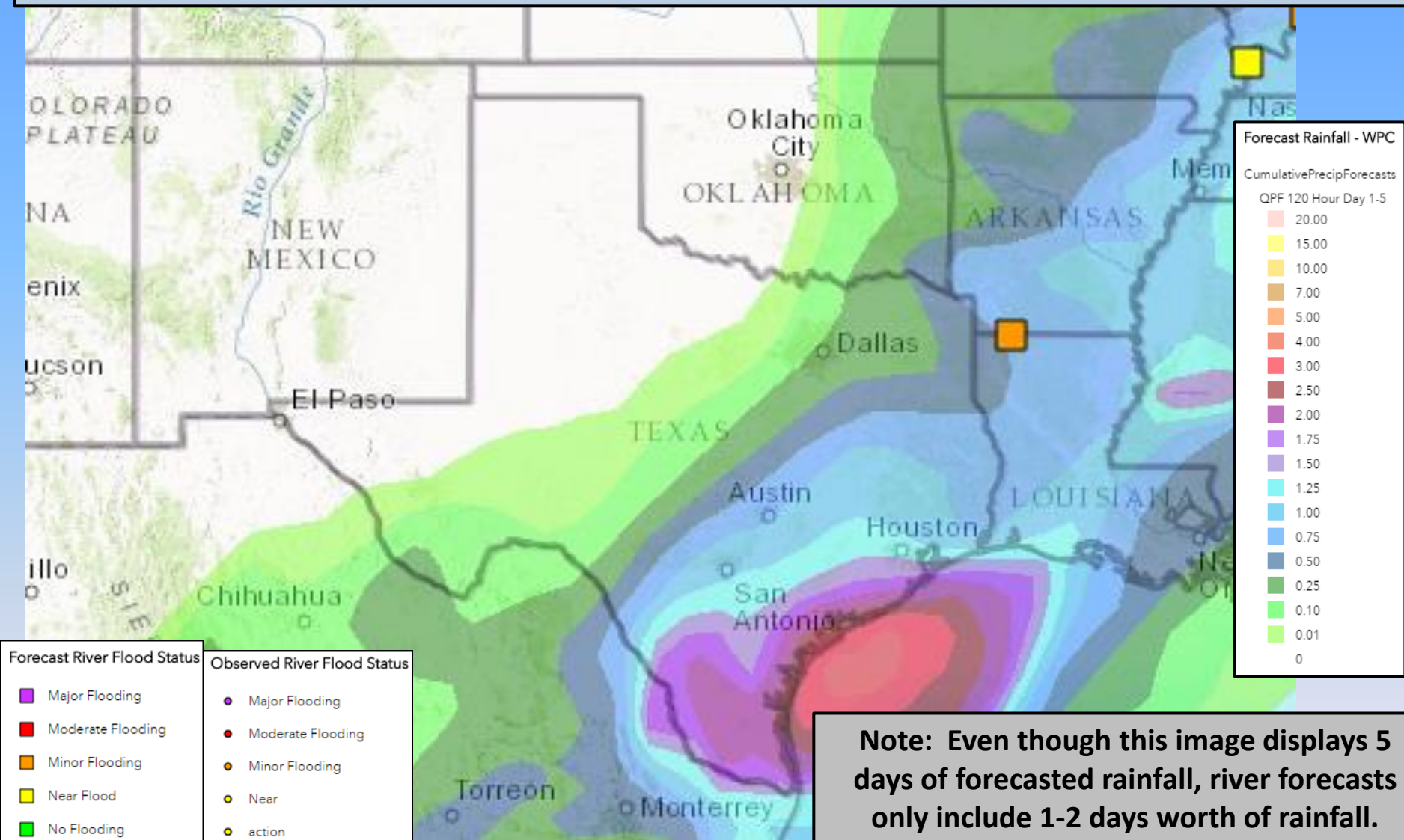
- Elevated to critical fire weather conditions will continue through Monday and possibly into Tuesday over TX/OK Panhandles, E NM and NW OK
- Isolated severe storms possible Monday evening through early Tuesday morning for Eastern ½ OK into Western ½ AR and NE TX

## Wednesday

- No Significant Weather Impacts

# 5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status

No significant flooding occurring or expected during the next 5 days.



For the latest on river flooding: <http://water.weather.gov/ahps>

# \*FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 4, 2017 - Mar 8, 2017

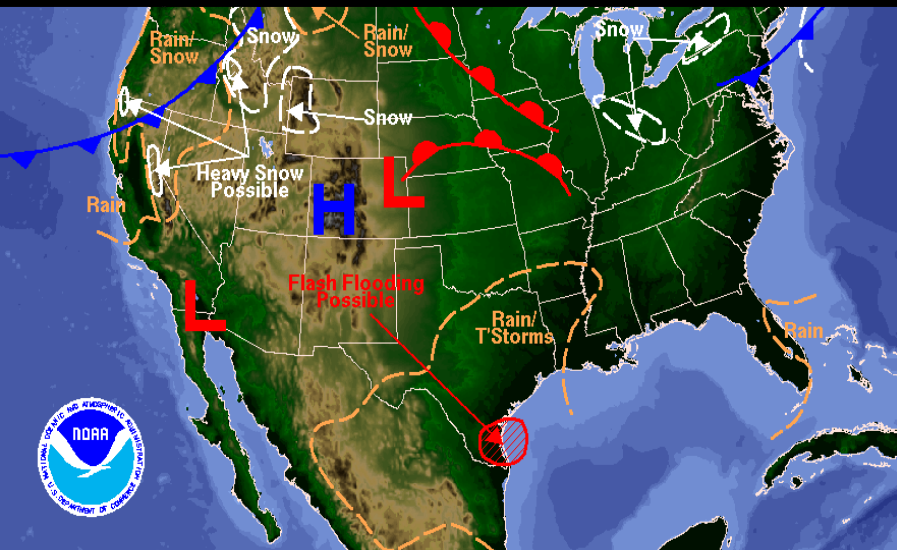
	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
Severe Weather			NE TX/E OK/ W AR		
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	S TX & Gulf Coast areas				
Winter Weather					
Fire Weather	TX/OK Panhandles into NE NM	TX/OK Panhandles, NE NM	TX/OK Panhandles, W TX/OK E NM		
River Flooding					

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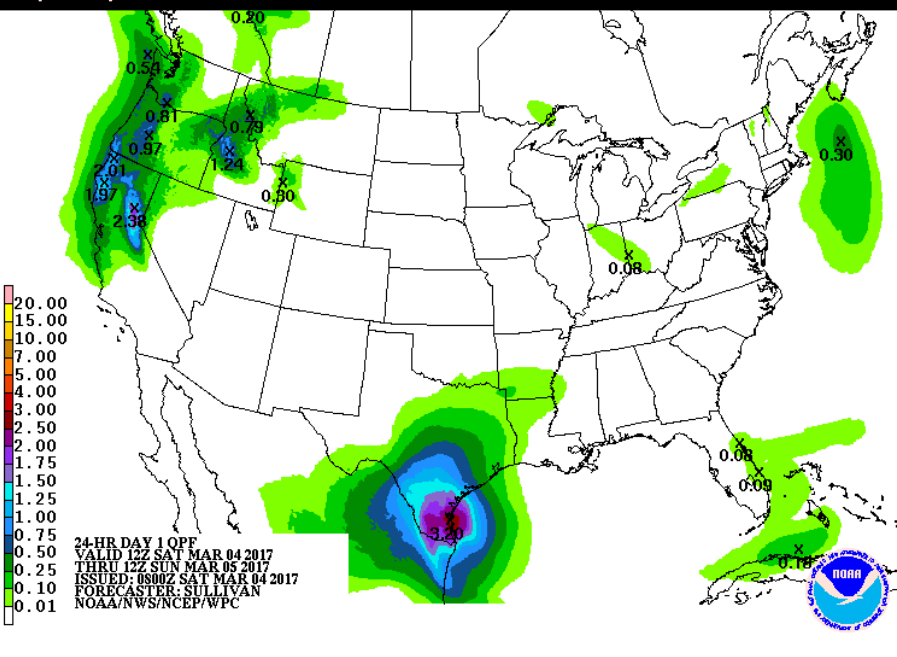
*For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*



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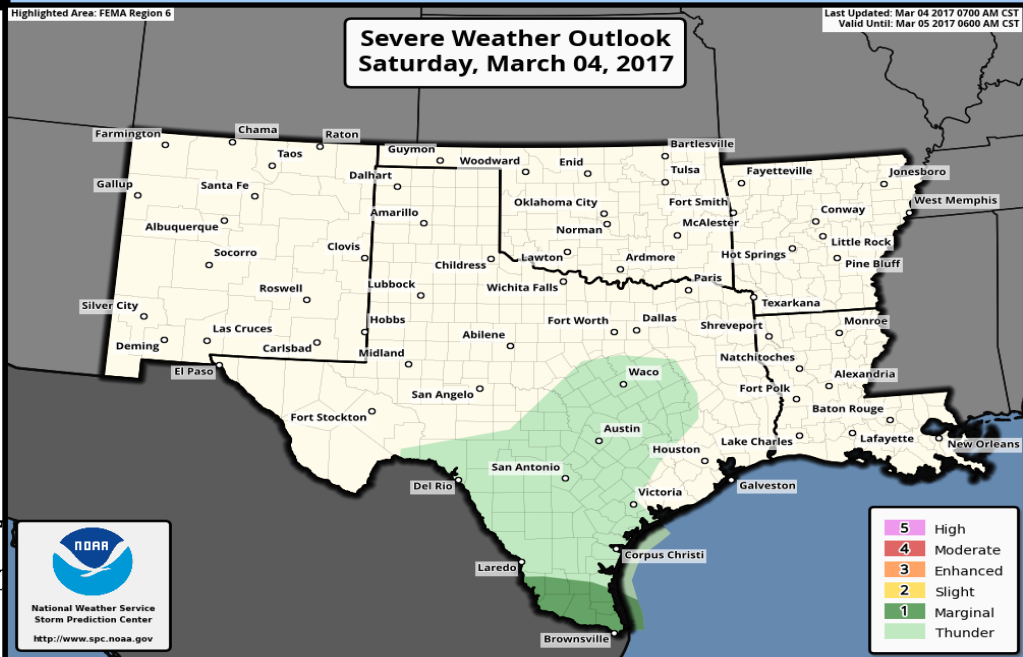


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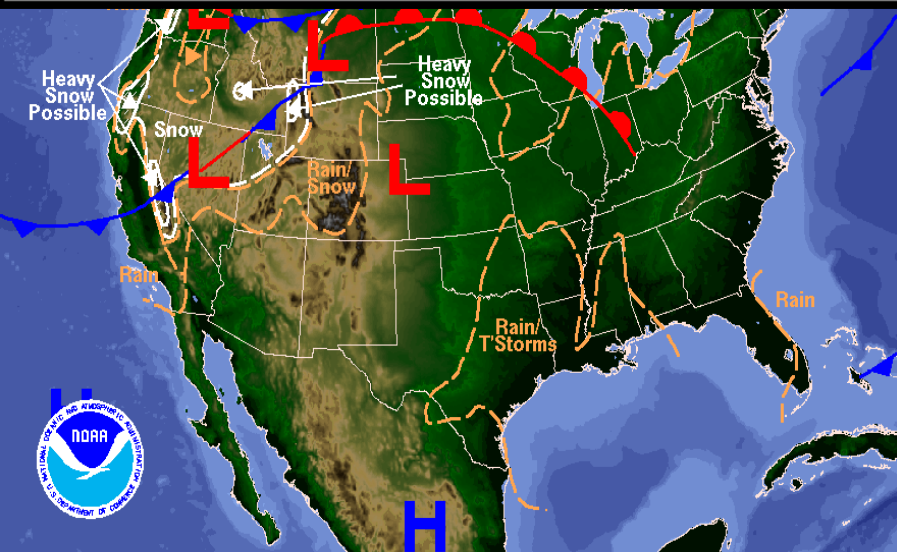


**Elevated to Critical Fire Weather Conditions  
across TX/OK Panhandles into eastern and  
southern NM and western and northern OK**

**Areas of flooding possible in poor drainage  
areas over deep South Texas**

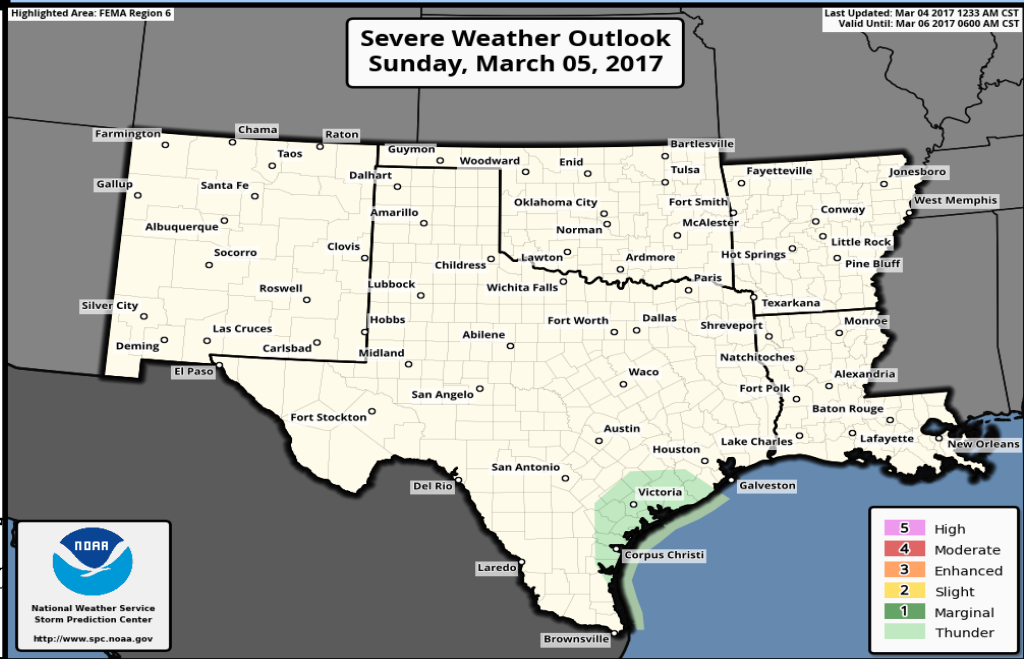
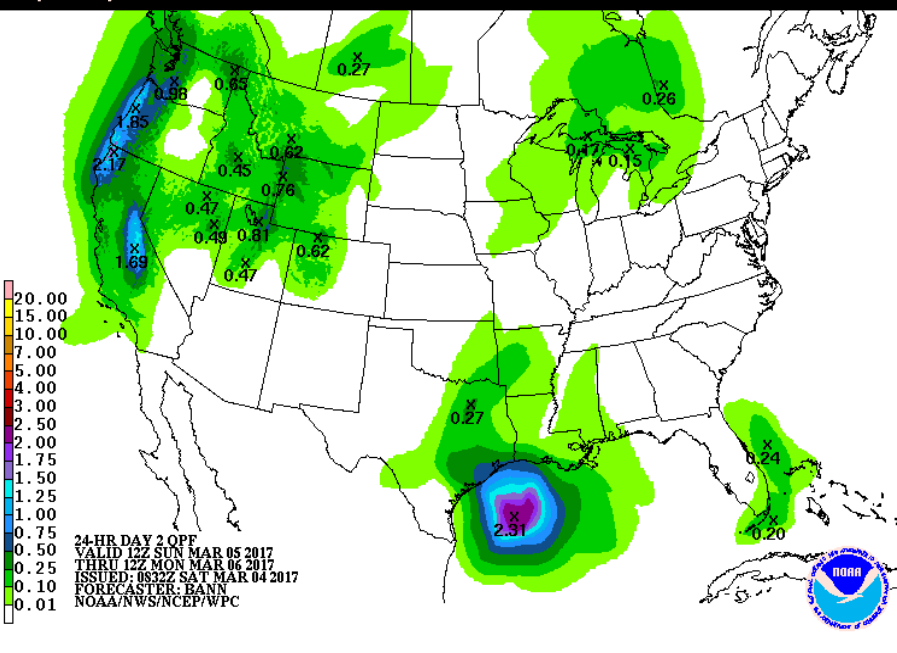


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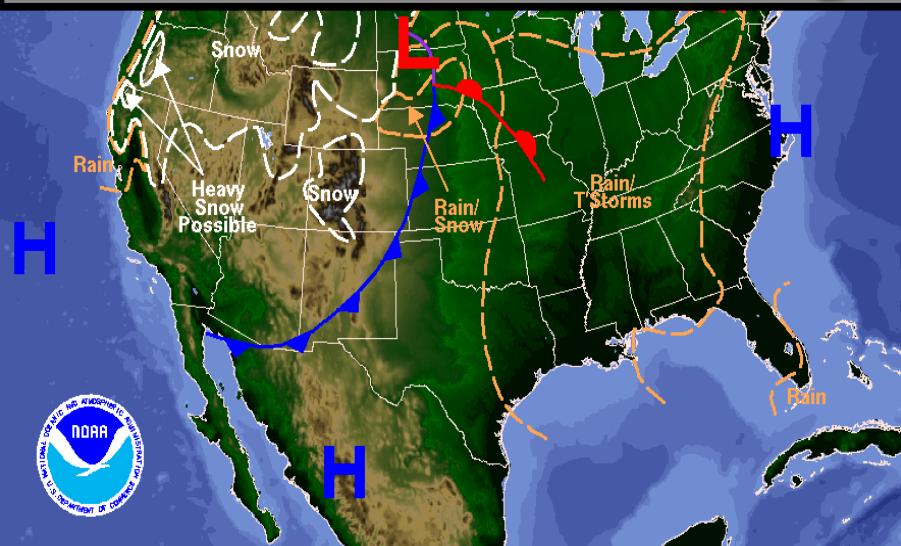


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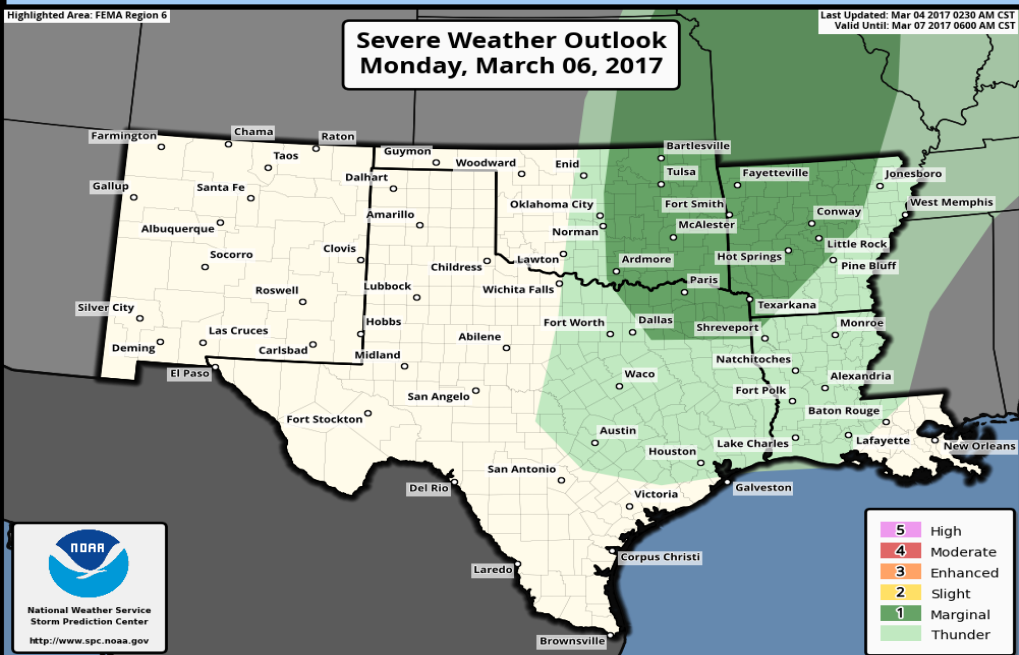
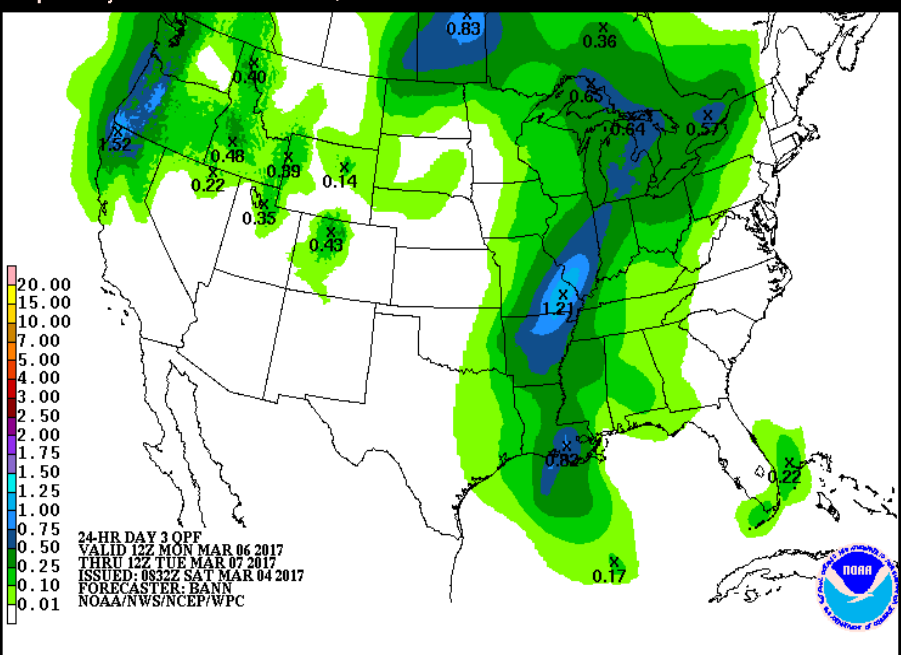
# Monday's Weather



Weather Forecast for Mon, Mar 06, 2017, issued 4:03 AM EST Sat, Mar 04, 2017  
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**Elevated to Critical Fire Weather Conditions  
 continue across TX/OK Panhandles/E NM/NW  
 OK**

**Isolated severe storms possible Monday  
 evening through early Tuesday morning for  
 the eastern 1/2 of OK into the western 1/2 of AR  
 and into NE TX.**









# Day 4-5 Weather Hazards

Valid: 0800 Tue - 0800 Thu



**Elevated to  
Critical Fire  
Weather  
Conditions**

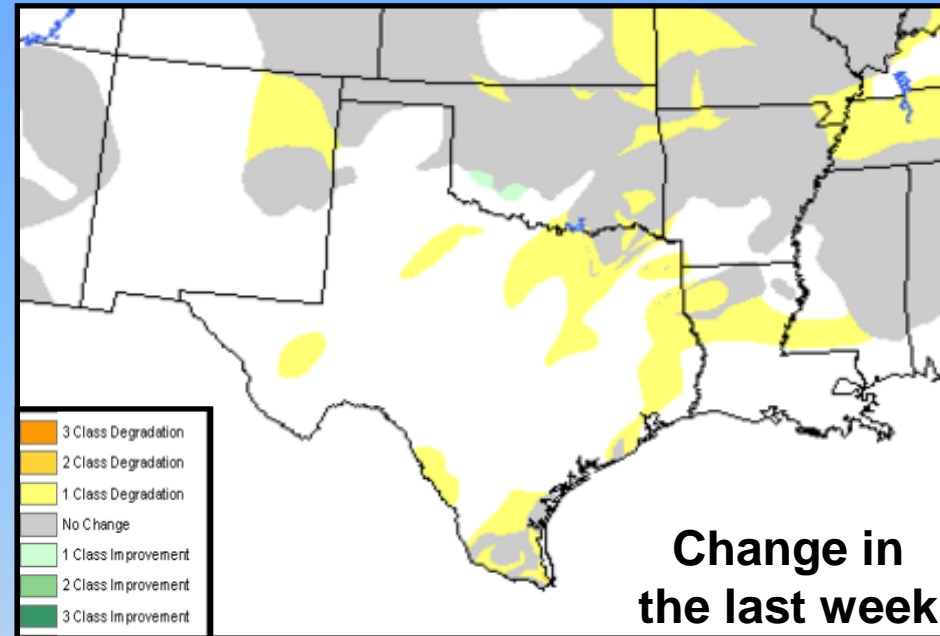
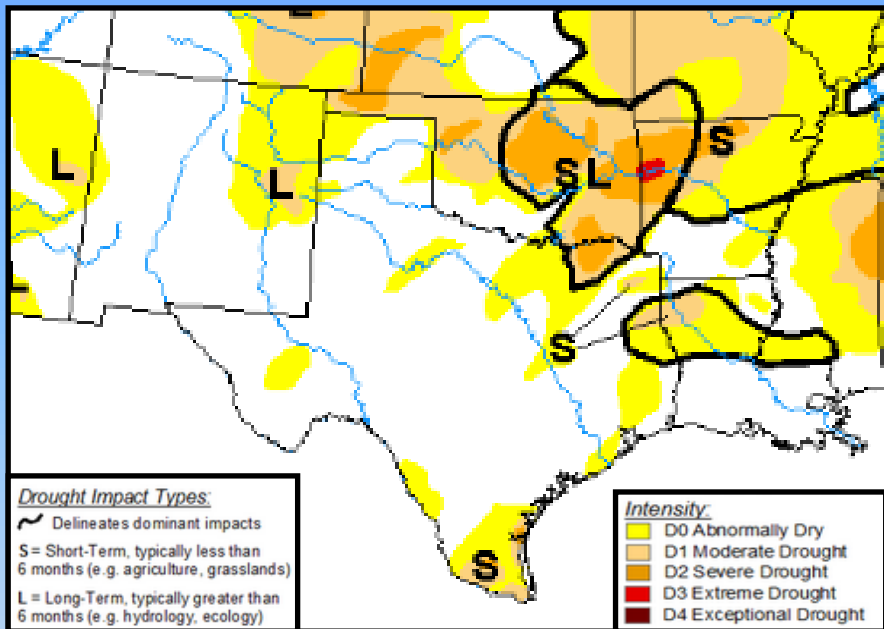
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# Drought Monitor Released March 2, 2017

Data valid as of 6am CST, Tuesday, February 28, 2017



## Drought Conditions (Percent Area) in D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

State	Current	Last Week	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago
Oklahoma	0.18%	0.18%	2.80%	0.00%
Arkansas	2.00%	2.00%	0.49%	0.00%
Texas	0.00%	0.00%	0.04%	0.00%
Louisiana	0.00%	0.00%	20.79%	0.00%
New Mexico	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

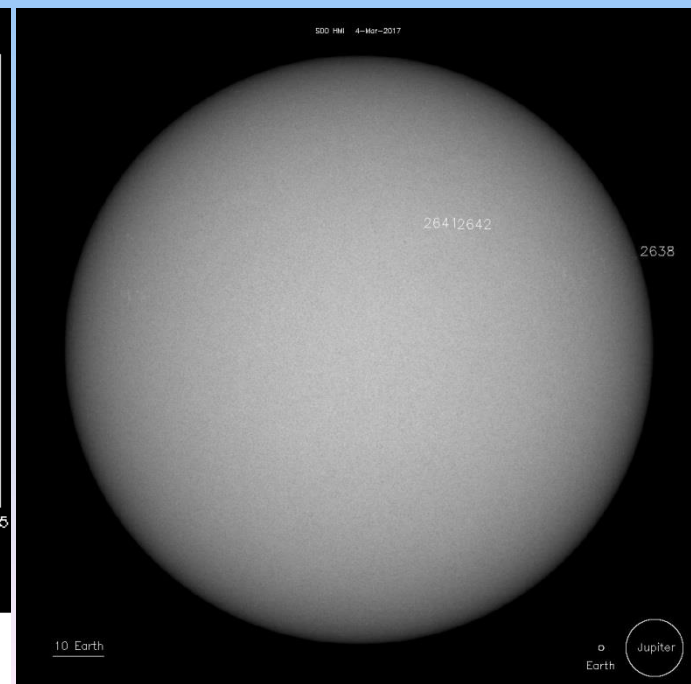
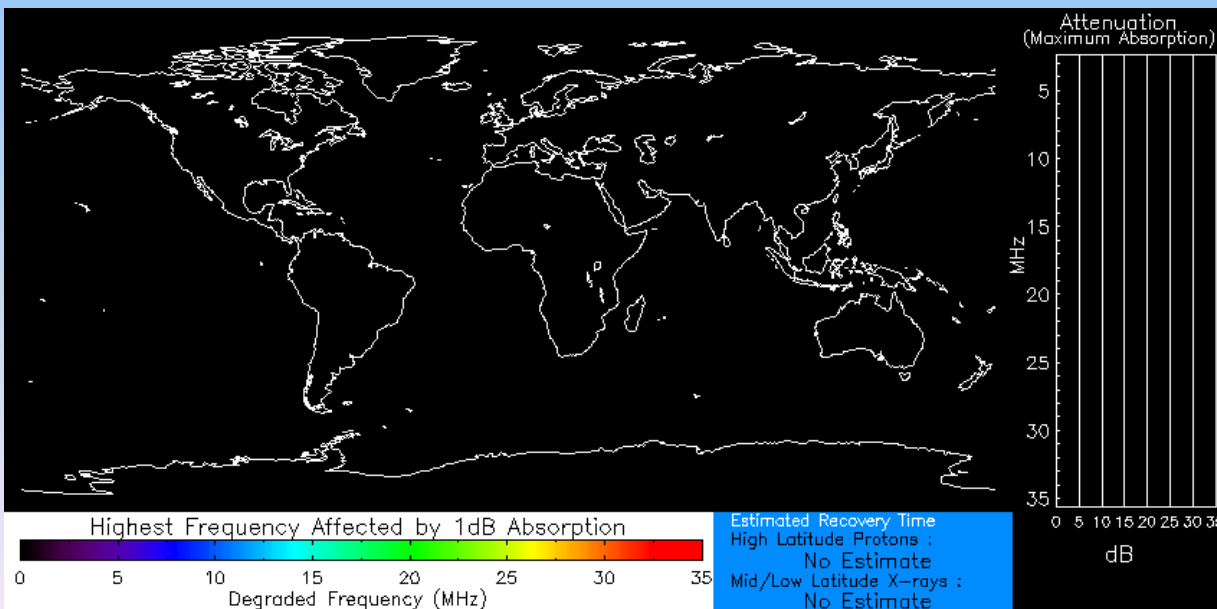
# Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Geomagnetic Storms	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 4)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%

[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)



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Weather "Threat" Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	<b>Very Common</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees</li> <li>Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX</li> </ul>
Yellow	<b>Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently</b> Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible</li> <li>Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1" hail</li> </ul>
Orange	<b>Uncommon – A Few Times a Year</b> Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely</li> <li>Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail</li> <li>Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected</li> </ul>
Red	<b>Rare – Once every 1-5 Years</b> Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days</li> <li>Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail</li> <li>Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue</li> </ul>
Purple	<b>Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years</b> Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow</li> <li>Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms</li> </ul>